Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The consequences of illegal drug use have reached epidemic proportions and are of major concern to all Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Illegal drug use is one of the greatest causes of preventable illness, disability, and death in our state and our nation; and,

WHEREAS, Illegal drug use does not discriminate with regard to age, gender, or socio-economic status; and,

WHEREAS, Americans have made important strides in their efforts to prevent illegal drug use and these encouraging developments are due to tenacious efforts by thousands of concerned parents, educators, business leaders, private sector organizations, and state and local government; and,

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth (NFP), a nationwide parents' organization, has seized upon this momentum by declaring October 24-30, 1988 as National "Red Ribbon Week"--a comprehensive public education and fundraising drive involving thousands of parent groups across the country; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 24 through 30, 1988, as

DRUG-FREE AMERICA WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to join the NFP in wearing a Red Ribbon and red clothing, symbolizing their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE